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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF WORKING GROUP II

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Draft report

Part I

I. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

1. Working Group II held __ formal meetings (43rd-_____), from 9 March to _____ 1992 and a number of informal meetings.

2. The agenda of the Working Group is contained in document A/CONF.151/PC/96, which was adopted by the plenary of the Preparatory Committee at its 55th meeting, on 2 March. It reads as follows:

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

2. Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources.

3. Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources.

4. Evironmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes:

(a) Environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes;

(b) Environmentally sound management of solid wastes and sewage-related issues;

(c) Environmentally sound management of radioactive wastes;

(d) Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals;

(e) Prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes.

5. Adoption of the report of Working Group II.

3. The Working Group had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes (A/CONF.151/PC/88/Add.1);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on safe and environmentally sound management of radioactive wastes (A/CONF/151/PC/100/Add.4);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on protection of oceans, all kinds of seas including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.21);

(d) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources (A/CONF.151/100/Add.22);

(e) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals (including prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products) (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.23);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes (including prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous wastes) (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.24);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of solid wastes and sewage-related issues (A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.25);

(h) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference containing a compilation of the views of Governments on protection of the oceans (A/CONF.151/PC/104 and Add.1);

(i) Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference on protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources (A/CONF.151/PC/112);

(j) Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the report of the meeting of government-designated experts to formulate a draft strategy for the reduction of the degradation of the marine environment from land-based sources of pollution and activities in coastal areas, held at Nairobi from 9 to 13 December 1991 (A/CONF.151/PC/113);

(k) Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals: Recommendations of the Meeting of Experts to discuss draft proposals for an intergovernmental mechanism for chemical risk assessment and management (London, 16-19 December 1991) (A/CONF.151/PC/115);

(l) Environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes: Recommendations on international strategy and action programme including technical guidelines for the environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes of the Ad Hoc Meeting of Government-designated Experts convened by UNEP, held at Nairobi from 9 to 11 December 1991 (A/CONF.151/PC/116);

(m) Note by the Secretary-General of the Conference on global aspects of marine pollution, transmitting a report on the outcome of the Fourteenth Consultative Meeting of Contracting Parties, held at London from 25 to 29 November 1991 (A/CONF.151/PC/124);

(n) Conservation and management of living resources of the high seas; Principles and measures for an effective regime based on the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Seas: proposal submitted by Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Canada, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Cook Islands, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominica, Fiji, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Iceland, Jamaica, Kenya, Kiribati, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Samoa, Senegal, Seychelles, Solomon Islands, Sri Lanka, Tonga, United Republic of Tanzania and Vanuatu (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.16/Rev.1);

(o) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.17/Rev.1);

(p) Draft decision proposed by the Bureau on protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.18);

(q) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of hazardous waste: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.19/Rev.1);

(r) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on environmentally sound management of solid wastes and sewage-related issues: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.19/Add.1/Rev.1);

(s) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on promotion of the safe and environmentally sound management of radioactive wastes through international agreements: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.19/Add.2/Rev.1);

(t) Report of the Secretary-General of the Conference on prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes: options for Agenda 21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.19/Add.3/Rev.1);

(u) Options for Agenda 21: Programme areas: Management of high seas: Living marine resources and sustainable use of living marine resources under national jurisdiction: proposal by Algeria, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, Sweden, Uruguay and Venezuela (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.24);

(v) Protection of the oceans, all kinds of seas including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources: text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.25 and Corr.1, Add.1 and Corr.1, Add.2 and Corr.1, Add.3 and Corr.1, and Add.4 and Corr.1);

(w) Environmentally sound management of solid wastes and sewage-related issues: text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.25 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.26);

(x) Safe and environmentally sound management of radioactive wastes: text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.4 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.27);

(y) Environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes: text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.24 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.28);

(z) Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources: application of integrated approaches to the development, management and use of water resources: text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.22 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.29);

(aa) Environmentally sound management of toxic chemicals: text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.23 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.30).

4. A complete list of documents is contained in annex ____ to the report of the Preparatory Committee.

II. ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANAGEMENT OF WASTES, PARTICULARLY HAZARDOUS WASTES, AND OF TOXIC CHEMICALS, AS WELL AS PREVENTION OF ILLEGAL INTERNATIONAL TRAFFIC IN TOXIC AND DANGEROUS PRODUCTS AND WASTES

A. Environmentally sound management of hazardous wastes

__. At the 45th meeting, on 19 March, the observers for the following non-governmental organizations made statements: Greenpeace International and the NGO Working Group on Militarism and the Environment.

B. Environmentally sound management of radioactive wastes

__. At the 44th meeting, on 18 March, the observers for the following non-governmental organizations made statements: Greenpeace International, youth non-governmental organizations at the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee and the NGO Working Group on Militarism and the Environment.

III. ACTION TAKEN BY THE WORKING GROUP

At its ___ meeting, on ___ March, the Working Group decided to transmit to the plenary for further consideration, the following documents:

Under agenda item 2

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on document A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.21 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.25/Rev.1).

Under agenda item 3

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.22 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.29).

Under agenda item 4 (a)

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.24 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.28).

Under agenda item 4 (b)

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.25 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.26).

Under agenda item 4 (c)

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.4 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.27).

Under agenda item 4 (d)

Text submitted by the Chairman on the basis of negotiations held on A/CONF.151/PC/100/Add.23 (A/CONF.151/PC/WG.II/L.30).